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SUBJECT: REPORT - ICAO DEN/ ICE CONFERENCE, PARIS, MARCH 27 -
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MONTREAL FOR US/ REP ICAO

1. FINANCE COMMITTEE ON APRIL 3, ON BASIS MEMORANDUM
RECEIVED FROM CHAIRMAN OF TECHNICAL COMMITTEE AND
ASSURANCE FROM ICELAND THAT THE KEFLAVIK MAIN METEOROLOGICAL
OFFICE SERVES ONLY INTERNATIONAL AVIATION, AGREED THAT
100 PERCENT OF ITS COSTS SHOULD BE ALLOCATED TO CIVIL
AVIATION.

2. COMMITTEE THEN EXAMINED ITS DRAFT REPORT ON AGENDA
ITEM 1 (C). WHEN THE PARAGRAPH ON PERCENTAGE OF COST
RECOVERY OF THE JOINTLY FINANCED SERVICES AND METHOD OF
CALCULATING USER CHARGES WAS CONSIDERED, THE U. K.
REOPENED THE ISSUE OF INCRESING FROM 30 PERCENT TO 50
PERCENT THE INITIAL AMOUNT OF COST RECOVERY THROUGH
USER CHARGES. WHEN A VOTE WAS AKEN ON THE PARAGRAPH
AS ORIGINALLY DRAGTED WITH 30 PERCENT RECOVERY, SIX
VOTED IN FAVOR AND SEVEN (U. S.) OPPOSED. DENMARK SAID
IT DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE VOTE AS A PROVIDER OF THE
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FACILITIES BUT POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE CONFERENCE REACH UNANIMITY ON THIS MATTER IN ORDER THAT IT BE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL. SWEDEN THEN PROPOSED 40 PERCENT RECOVERY AS A COMPROMISE. FINLAND, BELGIUM, DENMARK. SWITZERLAND, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY AND PORTUGAL SPOKE IN FAVOR OF SWEDISH PROPOSAL, WHICH WAS AS FOLLOWS: 40 PERCENT RECOVERY FOR THREE YEARS; 50 PERCENT RECOVERY FOR NEXT TWO YEARS; THEN A REVIEW OF THE SITUATION.

3. IATA, SUPPORTED BY IACA, SAID ITS POSITION CALLED FOR 30 PERCENT BUT THAT IT COULD PROBABLY ACCEPT 40 PERCENT SUBJECT TO REFERRAL TO ITS MEMBERSHIP. U. S. SAID IT COULD ACCEPT 40 PERCENT AS COMPROMISE IN INTEREST OF UNANIMITY AND IN SUPPORT OF USER CONSULTATION. U. K., SUPPORTED BY NETHERLANDS AND FRANCE, PROPOSED 40 PERCENT FOR TWO YEARS AND THEN AN INCREASE TO 50 PERCENT FOR THREE YEARS. THIS AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED EIGHT (U. S.) TO FIVE. CANADIAN AMENDMENT TO INCREASE RECOVERY TO 60 PERCENT IN FIFTH YEAR LOST AFTER TWO TIE VOTES OF SEVEN (U. S.) - SEVEN. SWEDISH PROPOSAL AS AMENDED BY U. K. THEN ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. ON APRIL 4, COMMITTEE DECIDED NOT TO ACCEPT PROPOSAL OF WITZERLAND AND BELGIUM THAT COUNCIL CONVEENE JOINT FINANCING CONFERENCE IF 1974 NAT/RAN MEETING MADE CHANGES IN FACILITIES AND SERVICES WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY REVISION OF BASIS FOR CHARGES AND COST ALLOCATION. INSTEAD COMMITTEE AGREED THAT A NOTE WOULD BE INSERTED IN ITS REPORT EXPRESSING HOPE THAT ICAO COUNCIL WOULD MODIFY THE AGREEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGIONAL PLAN.

5. COMMITTEE NEXT APPROVED ITS DRAFT EPORT ON AGENDA ITEM 3, AFTER DISCUSSION OF SECRETARIAT DRAFT STATING THAT " A FEE NOT EXCEEDING FIVE PERCENT" WOULD BE ADDED TO THE CHARGE AND DEDUCTED BY THE U. K. BEFORE THE NET RECOVERY WAS PERIODICALLY TRANSMITTED TO DENMARK AND ICELAND. THE COMMITTEE ACCEPTED A U. S. INSERTION IN ITS RECOMMENDATION RE ADJUSTMENTS TO DEN/ ICE PARTICIPATING STATES WHICH SPECIFIES THAT CHARGES WILL BE COLLECTED FROM CIVIL AIRCRAFT OPERATORS

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OF BOTH PARTICIPATING AND NON- PARTICIPATING STATES.

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